Lk 2.32 And they said one to another, "Was not our heart burning within us, while he spake to us in the way, while he opened to us the scriptures?"

Intro: The word "heart" in the Bible signifies much.

Seat of affection & source of Energy
Breeding-ground of bad deeds
Workshop of spiritual activities
The seat of courage
The center of desires

Different kinds of hearts - alphabetically
Broken & contrite, cheerful, clean, double, enlarged, Erring, foolish, hardened, heavy, melting, new, perfect, perverse, proud, pure, secretive, sick, trembling, troubled, understanding, upright, wicked, willing, wise, whole

Heart in the Bible signifies all that "mind" does in modern psychology - intelligence, will, affection - the whole inner man.

— after the First Easter came
the first Pentacost.
a new spiritual epoch.
Old forms & observances discarded
A new life & power manifest
Old limitations, restrictions
& prejudices cast aside.
a far-reaching, self-sacrificing
service begun
& they went "into all the world".
On the 1st day 3000 were added
after that thousands more.

This first Pentacost not a mere
accident or consequence of Resurrection
it was the culmination & obedience
to the laws of the Spirit.

The Inter-Church World
Movement is saying to the Protestant
churches, "~~Endeavor~~ Let your
1920 Easter culminate
in another Pentacost!
A great awakening time
and an extensive ingathering
time — May 23 — Pentacost
Sunday
Every community survey, every financial
endeavor, a personal evangelism — all Christ
planned made disciples for X.

In order to bring such a Pentacost about we need more than conferences, organization, budgets, activities & programs.

We need just what the first Pentacost needed & received - the Holy Spirit of God!

But before we can receive the power of the Spirit we must be ready for it - we must obey the law governing it.

1. Pentacost begins in the heart.

Every revival is kindled in some heart & then is spread like fire to other hearts.

We need the kindling power of the Holy Spirit.

"Come as the fire, and purge my heart
Like sacrificial flame;
Let my whole soul an offering be
To my Redeemer's name."

The heart must be raised to that spiritual temperature necessary for the release of divine power

I Christ can kindle our hearts.

1. The 2 on way to Emaus.
"Was not our hearts burning within us while he spake to us on the way, while he opened to us the scriptures?"

2. To them the Christ meant everything in life! Their hope for the world was in Him!

Unless the X means everything to us, unless we see in Him the one & only hope for this world, there can be no pentecostal kindling of our hearts. We cannot do all things thru X until we make Him equivalent to all things in our hearts.

When you have X in your heart You have God
You have Man
all mankind - saved & unsaved
everyone - man, woman, boy girl -
You have God as X in every heart — no fellow complete without X.

Robt. Murray Mc Cheyne
of Scotland - died 29.
Shrined all scotland.
Old man, went to Dundee, where
Mc Cheyne lived, to visit the home
of the noted preacher. - The same
sexton who had served under the
Mc Cheyne answered the knock at the
door of the manse.
The sexton led traveler into study
"Sit down here where he worked."
"Put your elbows on the table"
"Put your face down in your
hands"
"Now, let the tears fall.
That was the way my pastor
used to do."
Then the traveler taken into the pulpit
"Put your elbows on the pulpit."
And that was the way Jesus
used to do.
Jesus kept the heart fires
burning! Mc Cheyne kept
the heart fires burning.
And we Xns of 1920 must
keep our heart fires
burning for X. If
we will have with the Eucharist

Cold-hearted, indifferent church members never lead others to Christ. People are not saved thru organization, preaching, or controversy- they are saved thru by the fires from glowing hearts.

At the close of an address before a ministers meeting one of the ministers ~~asked permission to tell a story~~ told this story to the presiding minister.

The trouble with this many of us is that we refuse to fit the whole heart of X into the whole of our own hearts—

It was at the close of an address before a ministers' meeting. One of the ministers came forward and asked me if I had time to listen to a story. "Certainly," I replied, "tell me." I can give only in brief what he told me. "Many years ago," he said, "there came into our home a bundle of heaven in the form of a big, wholesome, healthy baby boy. There was no evidence that he was not in perfect health. But when he was about three years old a subtle disease fastened itself upon him. All that the family doctor could do availed nothing. Then he suggested a consultation with a specialist. We followed instructions faithfully. The specialist was baffled. He could do nothing more than our family physician. We brought our baby home and watched him grow thinner and paler every day. One day, when the physician was present, he reached for the baby's pulse and it was gone. He listened for the heart beat and it was not there. Then the baby's eyes fluttered; his eyes grew glassy; and the little chin dropped. 'The baby is dead,' said the doctor as kindly as he could. Any parent can imagine the stab of that hour. "But," said the minister, "I could not give him up. I called to my wife to bring the warm blankets. I tore open my clothing; I lifted the limp form of my baby and put him over my heart; my wife wrapped us in the blankets. I held my baby there nine hours." For a few seconds the minister's lips quivered and he said, "My baby is now twenty-three years old, a senior in college, and is doing a wonderful work for Christ." I stood aghast as I looked at him. His boy had been saved by a glowing heart.

We try to take Jesus into our hearts as tho we were trying to fit a round peg into a square hole.

Where there is jealousy & bitter feeling between churches where there is the attitude of "I am holier than thou"; where there is condemnation & criticism of fellow Xns whom we think are doing wrong, instead of praying for them & trying to help them; where there is the motive of "my church first" then the Kingdom of God there can be no Pentecost no burning of heart fire that will kindle all other hearts.

Before we go to make disciples of all nations - we need to tarry - until we are made fit to go.